

Correlation functions of Ising spins on thin graphs

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We investigate analytically and numerically an Ising spin model with ferromagnetic coupling defined on random graphs corresponding to Feynman diagrams of a ϕ^q field theory, which exhibits a mean field phase transition. We explicitly calculate the correlation functions both in the symmetric and in the broken symmetry phase in the large volume limit. They agree with the results for finite size systems obtained from Monte Carlo simulations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The definition of a correlation function on random geometries is not so obvious as in the usual fixed geometry case. The problem is that we cannot just take two fixed points at a given distance because the distance between them is changing. One possible solution is to sum over all pairs of points at a given distance

$$G^{AB}(r) \equiv \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \sum_{ij} A_i B_j \delta_{d(i,j),r} \right\rangle. \quad (1)$$

Here $d(i,j)$ is the geodesic distance, *i.e.*, the shortest path between points i and j . A and B are some quantities defined in each vertex whose correlation we want to measure. The average is taken over all instances of the geometry (configurations) and n is the size of the system. Please note that the distance $d(i,j)$ is a very nonlocal quantity: in principle it does depend on the whole configuration not only on the endpoints i and j . Therefore the correlation (1) is not a two-point function, which can lead to some interesting and non-intuitive behavior.

Due to this non-locality the calculation of function (1) is in general very difficult. As in other fields of statistical physics an insight can be gained by examining simple solvable models, the best known being probably the Ising model. In this paper we study the Ising model on a random geometry ensemble made of all Feynman diagrams of a ϕ^q theory.

The paper is organized as follows: in Sec. II we present and analytically solve the model. We proceed on in Sec. III calculating the spin-spin correlation functions using the similarity to Cayley trees in the infinite volume limit. Section IV addresses the influence of spins on geometry. Final discussion and summary are given in Sec. V.

II. THE MODEL

We consider an Ising ferromagnet spin model on q -regular random graphs corresponding to ϕ^q Feynman diagrams of a zero-dimensional field theory [1, 2]. The partition function of this model is defined as a sum over all ϕ^q Feynman diagrams \mathcal{G} and all the values that the spins s_1, \dots, s_n on a graph G can take

$$Z = \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}} \sum_{s_1, \dots, s_n} e^{-\beta H(G; s_1, \dots, s_n)}. \quad (2)$$

If no external magnetic field is present the energy of the system on a single diagram G reads

$$H(G; s_1, \dots, s_n) = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle \in G} s_i s_j, \quad (3)$$

where the sum is over all nearest neighbor pairs. Two vertices are considered as nearest neighbors if they are connected by a link. This includes loops, in which case a vertex is its own neighbor, and multiple links when two vertices are counted multiple times in the sum (3).

Associating with the “up” and “down” spins the ϕ_+ and ϕ_- fields respectively, we can generate the requisite ensemble from the Feynman diagram expansion of the partition function

$$Z = \int d\phi_+ d\phi_- \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \vec{\phi}^T \Delta^{-1} \vec{\phi} + \frac{1}{q!} (\phi_+^q + \phi_-^q) \right], \quad (4)$$

where $\vec{\phi}^T \equiv (\phi_+, \phi_-)$ and Δ is the transfer matrix

$$\Delta \equiv \begin{pmatrix} e^\beta & e^{-\beta} \\ e^{-\beta} & e^\beta \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

Following [1] we define the coupling constant $g \equiv e^{2\beta}$.

We will use the saddle-point approximation method to calculate the partition function Z in the large n limit. We start by performing binomial expansion of the ϕ^q terms in Eq. (4)

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$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[\frac{1}{q!} (\phi_+^q + \phi_-^q) \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left[\frac{1}{q!} (\phi_+^q + \phi_-^q) \right]^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(q!)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\phi_+^{qk} \phi_-^{q(n-k)}}{k!(n-k)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Substituting this back into Eq. (4) and taking the term for a specific n only we get the partition function of an ensemble of graphs with exactly n vertices

$$Z_n = \frac{1}{(q!)^n} \sum_{k=0}^n C(k, n) \int d\phi_+ d\phi_- e^{-\frac{1}{2} \vec{\phi}^T \Delta^{-1} \vec{\phi}} \phi_+^{qk} \phi_-^{q(n-k)} \quad (7)$$

where

$$C(k, n) \equiv \frac{1}{k!(n-k)!}. \quad (8)$$

At this point it is convenient to introduce the rescaled fields ψ_{\pm} and the variable z

$$\psi_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \phi_{\pm}, \quad z \equiv \frac{k}{n},$$

and rewrite Eq. (7) as

$$Z_n = \mathcal{C}(n) \int_0^1 dz C(z, n) \int d\psi_+ d\psi_- e^{nf(\psi_+, \psi_-)}, \quad (9)$$

where $\mathcal{C}(n)$ is a constant depending on n only and

$$f(\psi_+, \psi_-) = -\frac{1}{2} \vec{\psi}^T \Delta^{-1} \vec{\psi} + q [z \ln \psi_+ + (1-z) \ln \psi_-]. \quad (10)$$

The field integral in Eq. (9) can be asymptotically approximated using the saddle-point approximation

$$\int d\psi_+ d\psi_- e^{nf(\psi_+, \psi_-)} \approx e^{nf(\bar{\psi}_+, \bar{\psi}_-)} \frac{2\pi}{n\sqrt{\det \mathbf{J}}}, \quad (11)$$

where \mathbf{J} is the Jacobian matrix $J_{xy} = f_{\bar{\psi}_x \bar{\psi}_y}$. We use the shorthand notation

$$f_{\bar{\psi}_x \bar{\psi}_y} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial^2 f(\psi_+, \psi_-)}{\partial \psi_x \partial \psi_y} \right|_{\psi_x = \bar{\psi}_x, \psi_y = \bar{\psi}_y}. \quad (12)$$

$\bar{\psi}_{\pm}$ are given by the saddle-point equations

$$\frac{\partial f(\bar{\psi}_+, \bar{\psi}_-)}{\partial \bar{\psi}_{\pm}} = 0, \quad (13)$$

which can be written in matrix form

$$\Delta^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\psi}_+ \\ \bar{\psi}_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} qz/\bar{\psi}_+ \\ q(1-z)/\bar{\psi}_- \end{pmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

The above system of two quadratic equations has in general four solutions, from which only the one positive in both ψ_+ and ψ_- has physical meaning

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\psi}_+(z) &= g^{-\frac{3}{4}} \sqrt{\frac{q}{2}} \cdot \\ &\cdot \left[1 + 2z(g^2 - 1) + \sqrt{1 + 4(g^2 - 1)(1-z)z} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \\ \bar{\psi}_-(z) &= \bar{\psi}_+(1-z). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Because of Eq. (14) $f(\bar{\psi}_+, \bar{\psi}_-)$ simplifies to

$$f(\bar{\psi}_+, \bar{\psi}_-) = q \left[z \ln \bar{\psi}_+ + (1-z) \bar{\psi}_- - \frac{1}{2} \right]. \quad (16)$$

The logarithm of the $C(z, n)$ term can be approximated using the Stirling formula

$$\begin{aligned} \ln C(z, n) &\approx -n [z \ln z + (1-z) \ln (1-z)] \\ &- \frac{1}{2} \ln z(1-z) + \ln(2\pi n) + n \ln n - n. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

So finally

$$Z_n \approx \mathcal{C}(n) \int_0^1 dz e^{nF(z)} \quad (18)$$

and combining Eqs. (9), (16), and (17) we obtain $F(z)$ to the leading order in n

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &\approx -z \ln z - (1-z) \ln (1-z) \\ &+ q [z \ln \bar{\psi}_+ + (1-z) \ln \bar{\psi}_-]. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

The next non-leading term is given in Appendix A.

Function $F(z)$ is symmetric around $z = 1/2$ and in the disordered phase it has a maximum at this point. Exactly at the transition $F''(1/2) = 0$, from which we can calculate the critical coupling

$$g_c = \frac{q}{q-2}. \quad (20)$$

For $g > g_c$ the $F(z)$ function has a minimum at $z = 1/2$ and two maxima at $z = 1/2(1 \pm m)$. In saddle-point approximation m is the average magnetization

$$\langle M \rangle \equiv 2k - n = n(2z - 1) = nm. \quad (21)$$

Finding the zeros of the first derivative of $F(z)$ we get for $q = 3$

$$m = \frac{g}{g-2} \sqrt{\frac{g-3}{g+1}} \quad (22)$$

and

$$m = \frac{g}{g^2-2} \sqrt{g^2-4} \quad (23)$$

in the $q = 4$ case. The susceptibility $\chi = \frac{1}{n}(\langle M^2 \rangle - \langle M \rangle^2)$ can be calculated in saddle-point approximation from the integral

$$\langle M^2 \rangle = n^2 \frac{\int_0^1 dz (2z-1)^2 e^{nF(z)}}{\int_0^1 dz e^{nF(z)}}, \quad (24)$$

leading to

$$\chi = -\frac{4}{F''\left(\frac{1}{2}(1+m)\right)}. \quad (25)$$

In the symmetric phase where $m = 0$ we obtain

$$\chi = \left(1 - \frac{q}{2} \frac{g-1}{g}\right)^{-1}. \quad (26)$$

In the broken symmetry phase we get for $q = 3$

$$\chi = \frac{4g}{(g-3)(g-2)^2(g+1)}. \quad (27)$$

Actually, for comparison with Monte Carlo (MC) simulations we will use

$$\tilde{\chi} = \frac{1}{n}(\langle M^2 \rangle - \langle |M| \rangle^2) \quad (28)$$

instead of χ because average magnetization $\langle M \rangle$ is not well defined in numerical simulations. On a finite lattice it is in principle zero for all values of β . However, in the broken symmetry phase its measured value will in general depend on the algorithm used and the duration of the simulation. The average absolute value of magnetization is given by the integral

$$\langle |M| \rangle = n \frac{\int_0^1 dz |(2z-1)| e^{nF(z)}}{\int_0^1 dz e^{nF(z)}} \quad (29)$$

and in the saddle-point approximation in the symmetric phase it is equal to

$$\frac{1}{n} \langle |M| \rangle^2 = \frac{2}{\pi} \chi. \quad (30)$$

In the broken symmetry phase $\langle |M| \rangle = nm$. We plot the resulting expression for $\tilde{\chi}$ (dashed line) together with data obtained from MC simulations in Fig. 1.

Instead of doing saddle-point approximation of the integrals (24) and (29) we can integrate them numerically. The results are plotted in Fig. 1 with solid lines. As one can see the agreement is very good already for small systems even if we keep the leading order terms only given by Eq. (19). Including higher order terms does not improve the result significantly.

III. CORRELATIONS

In this section we will calculate the connected spin-spin correlation function

$$G_c^{ss}(r) \equiv \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \sum_{i,j} (s_i - m)(s_j - m) \delta_{d(i,j),r} \right\rangle. \quad (31)$$

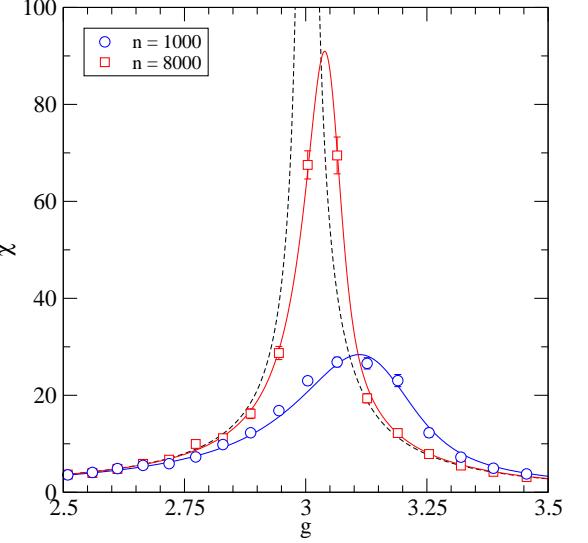


FIG. 1. $\tilde{\chi}$ as a function of the coupling g for $q = 3$. Circles (blue) render MC data for graphs of size $n = 1000$ and squares (red) for those ones of size $n = 8000$ vertices. The error bars show statistical uncertainty which increases near the transition. The solid lines plot the corresponding results of numerical integration whereas the saddle-point approximation is given by the dashed line.

This is not the only way to define the connected correlation function on random geometry [3]. We will use this one because it has the usual property

$$\sum_r G_c^{ss}(r) = \chi. \quad (32)$$

Expanding the expression under the average we can express (31) as

$$\begin{aligned} G_c^{ss}(r) &= \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \sum_{i,j} s_i s_j \delta_{d(i,j),r} \right\rangle - 2m \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \sum_{i,j} s_i \delta_{d(i,j),r} \right\rangle \\ &\quad + m^2 \frac{1}{n} \left\langle \sum_{i,j} \delta_{d(i,j),r} \right\rangle \\ &\equiv G^{ss}(r) - 2m G^{s1}(r) + m^2 G^{11}(r). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

To calculate the correlation functions we will use the fact that in the leading order of n the solution of the model coincides with the Bethe solution of the Ising model on Cayley trees with coordination number equal to q [1]. Contrary to Cayley trees the Ising model on Feynman diagrams studied here exhibits a genuine phase transition.

The $G^{11}(r)$ correlation function is a volume-factor: it is the average number of vertices at the distance r from a given vertex. On a Cayley tree with fixed geometry it is easy to calculate

$$G^{11}(r) = q(q-1)^{r-1}. \quad (34)$$

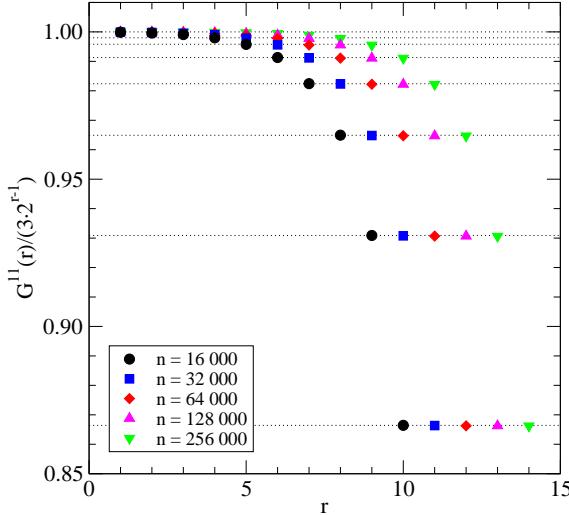


FIG. 2. Ratio of the correlation function $G^{11}(r)$ obtained from MC simulations of ensembles of various sizes with $q=3$ at $\beta=\beta_c=\frac{1}{2}\ln 3$ to its infinite volume limit $q(q-1)^{r-1}$.

In Fig. 2 we plot the ratio of the measured correlation function to the infinite volume limit (34). Please note the scaling relation evident from the plot

$$2G^{11}(r; n) = G^{11}(r+1; 2n). \quad (35)$$

This can be also written as

$$G^{11}(r) = n \mathcal{F}\left(\frac{2^r}{n}\right) = n \tilde{\mathcal{F}}(r \ln 2 - \ln n). \quad (36)$$

We have checked this relation and found that it is very well fulfilled already for graphs as small as 1000 vertices.

The Ising model on Cayley trees is generated by the equations

$$\begin{cases} \Phi_+ &= \frac{1}{(q-1)!} \left(\sqrt{g} \Phi_+^{q-1} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \Phi_-^{q-1} \right) \\ \Phi_- &= \frac{1}{(q-1)!} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} \Phi_+^{q-1} + \sqrt{g} \Phi_-^{q-1} \right) \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

whose graphical interpretation is shown in Fig. 3. These equations are analogous to the ones obtained for Ising model on branched polymers [4]. The difference is that here the probability of ending the branch is zero. This formally means that we have only infinite trees. Hence there is no chemical potential associated with every vertex.

The partition function can be then obtained as

$$Z = \frac{1}{q!} (\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q). \quad (38)$$

The system (37) will have in general many pairs of solutions. However, for $g \leq g_c$ the system is in symmetric

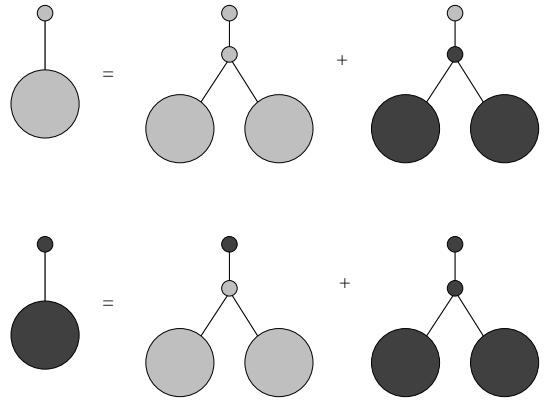


FIG. 3. Graphical representation of the saddle-point equations given by Eqs. (37) for $q=3$. The bright bubbles correspond to Φ_+ and the dark ones to Φ_- . Smaller bright and dark points stand for vertices carrying the “up” and “down” spins respectively.

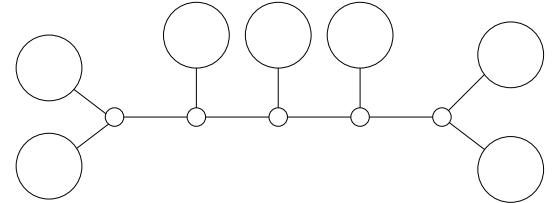


FIG. 4. Graphical representation of the correlation function $Z(r)_{xy}$ given by Eq. (42) for $q=3$. Bubbles depict Φ_\pm and points stand for individual vertices connected by links associated with Δ . Only the first and the last vertex have specific spins and each of them contributes by a $\frac{1}{2}\Phi_\pm^2$ factor. The spin of the $r-1$ vertices along the path connecting them can be either “up” or “down” which is covered by the matrix \mathbf{M} .

phase and $\Phi_+ = \Phi_-$. The one resulting equation can be easily solved yielding

$$\Phi_\pm^{q-2} = \frac{\sqrt{g}}{1+g} (q-1)! = \frac{1}{2 \cosh \beta} (q-1)! \quad (39)$$

When $g > g_c$ the dominant solution of Eqs. (37) will have $\Phi_+ \neq \Phi_-$ giving a non-zero magnetization [2]

$$m = \frac{\Phi_+^q - \Phi_-^q}{\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q}. \quad (40)$$

Finding this solution requires solving the system (37). Although this cannot be done analytically for general q for $q=3$ and $q=4$ we get in the broken phase

$$\Phi_\pm = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{g}}{g-1} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{g-3}{g+1}} \right) & \text{for } q=3, \\ \left[\frac{3\sqrt{g} \left(g \pm \sqrt{g^2-4} \right)}{g^2-1} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} & \text{for } q=4. \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

Substituting this into Eq. (40) we obtain the magnetization which is identical to the expressions (22) and (23) calculated using the previous method.

We will derive the correlation functions by the method described in [5]. The correlation function can be represented graphically as in Fig. 4. To this picture corresponds the expression

$$Z(r)_{xy} = \frac{1}{[(q-1)!]^2} \Phi_x^{q-1} \left(\overbrace{\Delta \mathbf{M} \cdots \Delta \mathbf{M}}^{r-1} \right)_{xy} \Phi_y^{q-1}, \quad (42)$$

where

$$\mathbf{M} \equiv \frac{1}{(q-2)!} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_+^{q-2} & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_-^{q-2} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (43)$$

If we rewrite matrix \mathbf{M} as

$$\mathbf{M} = \frac{(\Phi_+ \Phi_-)^{\frac{q-2}{2}}}{(q-2)!} \begin{pmatrix} \left(\frac{\Phi_+}{\Phi_-}\right)^{\frac{q-2}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \left(\frac{\Phi_-}{\Phi_+}\right)^{\frac{q-2}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (44)$$

we can see that the correlation functions are related to the correlation functions of the Ising spin chain in the effective magnetic field $(q-2)h_{eff}$ with [6]

$$h_{eff} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\Phi_+}{\Phi_-}. \quad (45)$$

In the symmetric case in particular $h_{eff} = 0$.

The required correlation functions can be expressed using $Z(r)_{xy}$ as

$$G^{11}(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{xy} Z(r)_{xy}, \quad (46)$$

$$G^{1s}(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{xy} y Z(r)_{xy}, \quad (47)$$

$$G^{ss}(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{xy} xy Z(r)_{xy}. \quad (48)$$

After introducing matrices

$$\mathbf{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(q-2)!}} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_+^{\frac{q-2}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & \Phi_-^{\frac{q-2}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \quad (49)$$

and

$$\tilde{\mathbf{Q}} \equiv \mathbf{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Delta \mathbf{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (50)$$

$Z(r)_{xy}$ given by Eq. (42) can be rewritten in the form

$$\begin{aligned} Z(r)_{xy} &= (q-2)! \frac{\Phi_x^{q-1} M_{xx}^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(q-1)!} \left(\mathbf{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} \Delta \mathbf{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)_{xy}^r \frac{M_{yy}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Phi_y^{q-1}}{(q-1)!} \\ &= (q-2)! \frac{\Phi_x^{\frac{q}{2}}}{(q-1)!} \tilde{Q}_{xy}^r \frac{\Phi_y^{\frac{q}{2}}}{(q-1)!}. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Assuming that the eigenvalues of $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ are λ_1 and λ_2 , and that the corresponding normalized eigenvectors are (a, b) and $(-b, a)$ respectively, we can calculate the matrix power by diagonalizing $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$.

After some algebra we obtain:

$$G^{11}(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\lambda_1^r (a \Phi_+^{\frac{q}{2}} + b \Phi_-^{\frac{q}{2}})^2 + \lambda_2^r (b \Phi_+^{\frac{q}{2}} - a \Phi_-^{\frac{q}{2}})^2}{(q-1)!(q-1)}, \quad (52)$$

$$G^{1s}(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\lambda_1^r (a^2 \Phi_+^q - b^2 \Phi_-^q) + \lambda_2^r (b^2 \Phi_+^q - a^2 \Phi_-^q)}{(q-1)!(q-1)}, \quad (53)$$

$$G^{ss}(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\lambda_1^r (a \Phi_+^{\frac{q}{2}} - b \Phi_-^{\frac{q}{2}})^2 + \lambda_2^r (b \Phi_+^{\frac{q}{2}} + a \Phi_-^{\frac{q}{2}})^2}{(q-1)!(q-1)}. \quad (54)$$

In Appendix B we show that

$$\lambda_1 = q-1, \quad (55)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_2 &= (q-1) \left[\frac{\sqrt{g}}{(q-1)!} (\Phi_+^{q-2} + \Phi_-^{q-2}) - 1 \right] \\ &= (q-1) \left[\frac{2\sqrt{g} \Phi^{q-2}}{(q-1)!} \cosh((q-2)h_{eff}) - 1 \right] \\ &\equiv (q-1) \tilde{\lambda}_2, \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

where

$$\Phi \equiv \sqrt{\Phi_+ \Phi_-}. \quad (57)$$

The corresponding eigenvector is equal to

$$(a, b) = \frac{(\Phi_+^{\frac{q}{2}}, \Phi_-^{\frac{q}{2}})}{\sqrt{\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q}}. \quad (58)$$

Substituting this into Eq. (52) we get

$$G^{11}(r) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{(q-1)^{r-1}}{(q-1)!} (\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q). \quad (59)$$

Using the definition (38) of Z we finally obtain the result (34) which is a check of the consistency of the method used.

For spin-spin correlation functions we obtain

$$G^{1s}(r) = \frac{q! (q-1)^r}{(q-1)! (q-1)} \frac{\Phi_+^q - \Phi_-^q}{\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q} = m G^{11}(r), \quad (60)$$

$$\begin{aligned} G^{ss}(r) &= q! \frac{(q-1)^r (\Phi_+^q - \Phi_-^q)^2 + 4 \Phi_+^q \Phi_-^q \lambda_2^r}{(q-1)! (q-1) (\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q)^2} \\ &= G^{11}(r) \left[\frac{4 \Phi_+^q \Phi_-^q}{(\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q)^2} \tilde{\lambda}_2^r + m^2 \right] \\ &= G^{11}(r) \left(\frac{\tilde{\lambda}_2^r}{\cosh(q h_{eff})} + m^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

In the symmetric case when $m = 0$ and $\Phi_+ = \Phi_-$ are given by Eq. (39) we readily get

$$g^{ss}(r) \equiv \frac{G^{ss}(r)}{G^{11}(r)} = \left(\frac{g-1}{g+1} \right)^r = \tanh^r \beta. \quad (62)$$

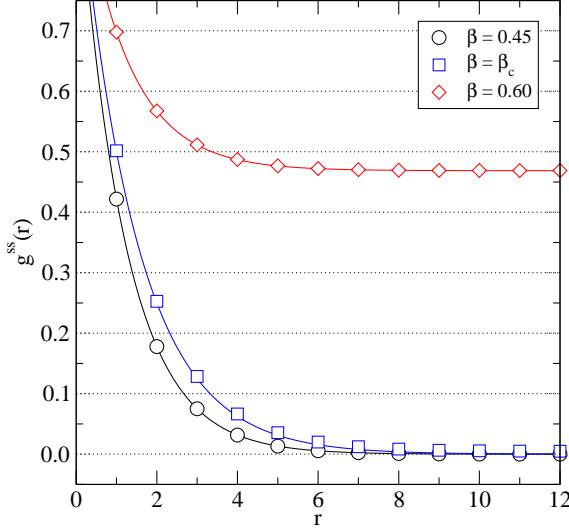


FIG. 5. Correlation function $g^{ss}(r)$ for $q=3$. Symbols render MC data for graphs of size $n=256000$ in the symmetric phase for $\beta=0.45$ (circles), at the transition $\beta=\beta_c=\frac{1}{2}\ln 3$ (squares), and in the broken phase for $\beta=0.60$ (diamonds). The solid lines plot the analytical predictions given by Eqs. (62) and (63).

This is as predicted the result obtained for correlation of Ising spins on the chain [6]. It is easy to check that the relation (32) is satisfied by the above function.

In the broken phase inserting Eqs. (41) into Eq. (60) we obtain for $q=3$

$$g^{ss}(r) = \frac{4}{(g-2)^2(g+1)} \frac{1}{(g-1)^r} + m^2 \quad (63)$$

and for $q=4$

$$g^{ss}(r) = \frac{4}{(g^2-2)^2} \frac{1}{(g^2-1)^r} + m^2. \quad (64)$$

Although similar formulas can be derived for higher values of q they are much more complicated.

Figure 5 plots the correlation function $g^{ss}(r)$ for $q=3$ and different values of β . As one can see the agreement with MC results is very good. In Fig. 6 correlation functions for different q 's at the respective transition points $\beta_c(q)=\frac{1}{2}\ln\frac{q}{q-2}$ are compared. Again, MC results match the asymptotic predictions. The small discrepancies diminish with the increase of the graphs' size.

IV. INFLUENCE OF SPINS ON GEOMETRY

On a finite tree spins can be integrated out exactly and the resulting factor does not depend on the shape of the tree. This means that the spins do not have any influence on the geometry. The situation changes when cycles are allowed, which is especially obvious for loops, *i.e.*, links

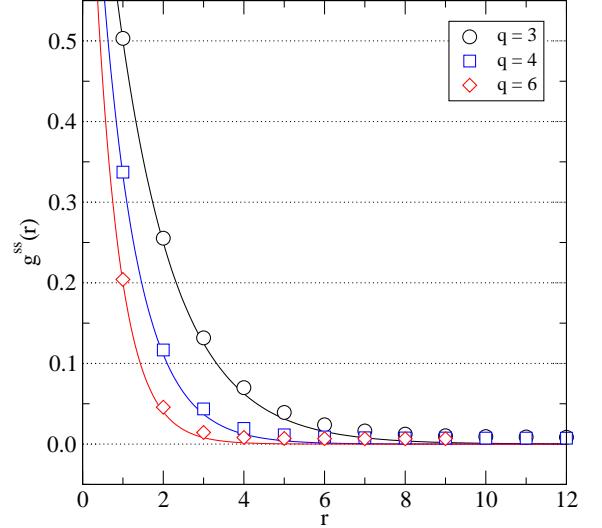


FIG. 6. Correlation function $g^{ss}(r)$ at the transition $\beta=\beta_c(q)$ for different values of q . Points represent MC results for graphs of size $n=64000$ while the solid lines plot the analytical predictions. Please note that for $q=6$ the maximum encountered distance (the diameter of the graph) is $r=9$.

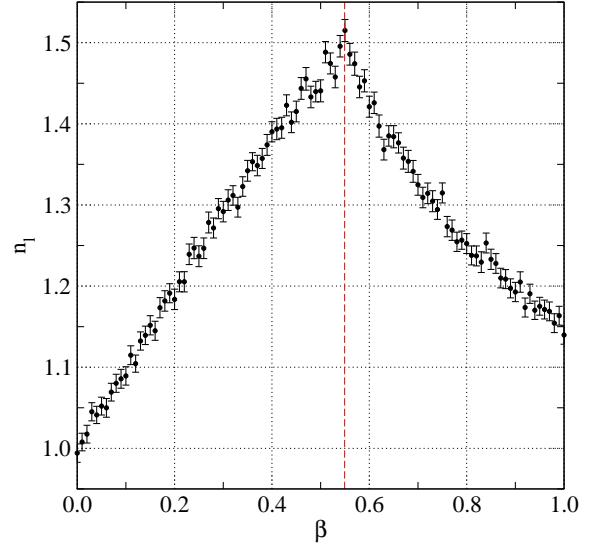


FIG. 7. Average number of loops n_l in graphs of size $n=32000$ vertices and $q=3$. The black points represent MC data and the dashed red line marks the transition point $\beta=\beta_c$.

attached at both ends to the same vertex. Without any spins or $\beta=0$ one can show combinatorially that the expected number of such loops on a graph equals $(q-1)/2$. For positive β , however, we should observe an enhancement as each loop contributes the e^β factor to the partition function contrary to links joining different vertices which can have different spins. For $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ all the spins have the same sign and again the geometry decouples.

In Fig. 7 we plot the average number of loops n_l as a

function of β . The results agree qualitatively with the above scenario. Nevertheless, one should note that while looking pronounced this is still only a $1/n$ effect. The number of loops is independent of n and negligible in the large volume limit.

V. SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

We have analyzed in detail a simple model of spins on a random geometry. In the large n limit it is formally equivalent to the Ising model on an infinite Cayley tree. However, it is well defined, has a genuine phase transition, and can be easily simulated using Monte Carlo methods.

We have derived expressions for correlation functions in both the symmetric and the broken phase with methods less formal than in [6]. From these calculations we obtain a picture of the transition. The correlation function $g^{ss}(r)$ does not exhibit any critical behavior: the correlation length is finite for any finite β . Nevertheless, the volume factor $G^{11}(r)$ grows exponentially and this growth offsets the decay of the correlation function $g^{ss}(r)$. As we increase r by one, the influence of the spins at this distance drops by $(g-1)/(g+1)$, however, the number of these spins increases by $q-1$. When

$$\frac{g+1}{g-1} = q-1 \quad (65)$$

all shells of spins contribute equally and we observe the phase transition. It is easy to check that this gives the expression (20) for the critical value of g .

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Appendix A: Next to leading corrections to $F(z)$

The Jacobian matrix $J_{xy} = f_{\bar{\psi}_x \bar{\psi}_y}$ is equal to

$$\mathbf{J} = \Delta^{-1} - q \begin{pmatrix} z/\bar{\psi}_+ & 0 \\ 0 & (1-z)/\bar{\psi}_- \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{A1})$$

from which

$$\det \mathbf{J} = \frac{g}{g^2-1} \left[1 + q \sqrt{g} \left(\frac{z}{\bar{\psi}_+^2} + \frac{1-z}{\bar{\psi}_-^2} \right) \right] + q^2 \frac{z(1-z)}{(\bar{\psi}_- \bar{\psi}_+)^2}. \quad (\text{A2})$$

and the approximation of the function $F(Z)$ given by Eq. (19) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) \approx & -[z \ln z + (1-z) \ln (1-z)] \\ & + q [z \ln \bar{\psi}_+ + (1-z) \ln \bar{\psi}_-] \\ & - \frac{1}{2n} \{ \ln (\det \mathbf{J}) + \ln [z(1-z)] \}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A3})$$

Appendix B: Eigenvalues

Equations (37) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Phi_+ \\ \Phi_- \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{(q-1)!} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{g}\Phi_+^{q-2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}}\Phi_-^{q-2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}}\Phi_+^{q-2} & \sqrt{g}\Phi_-^{q-2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_+ \\ \Phi_- \end{pmatrix} \equiv \mathbf{Q} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_+ \\ \Phi_- \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{B1})$$

The above equation means that matrix \mathbf{Q} has an eigenvalue equal to one and that the corresponding eigenvector is proportional to (Φ_+, Φ_-) .

Matrix $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ defined in Eq. (50) can be expressed as

$$\tilde{Q}_{xy} = (q-1) Q_{xy} \left(\frac{\Phi_x}{\Phi_y} \right)^{\frac{q-2}{2}}. \quad (\text{B2})$$

One can check that this implies that $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ has an eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = q-1$ and the corresponding normalized eigenvector

$$(a, b) = \frac{(\Phi_+^{\frac{q}{2}}, \Phi_-^{\frac{q}{2}})}{\sqrt{\Phi_+^q + \Phi_-^q}}. \quad (\text{B3})$$

The second eigenvector is perpendicular to this one. Multiplying it by $\tilde{\mathbf{Q}}$ we obtain the second eigenvalue.